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Implementing the SDGs through Local Action

Leaving no one behind in the
cities of the world



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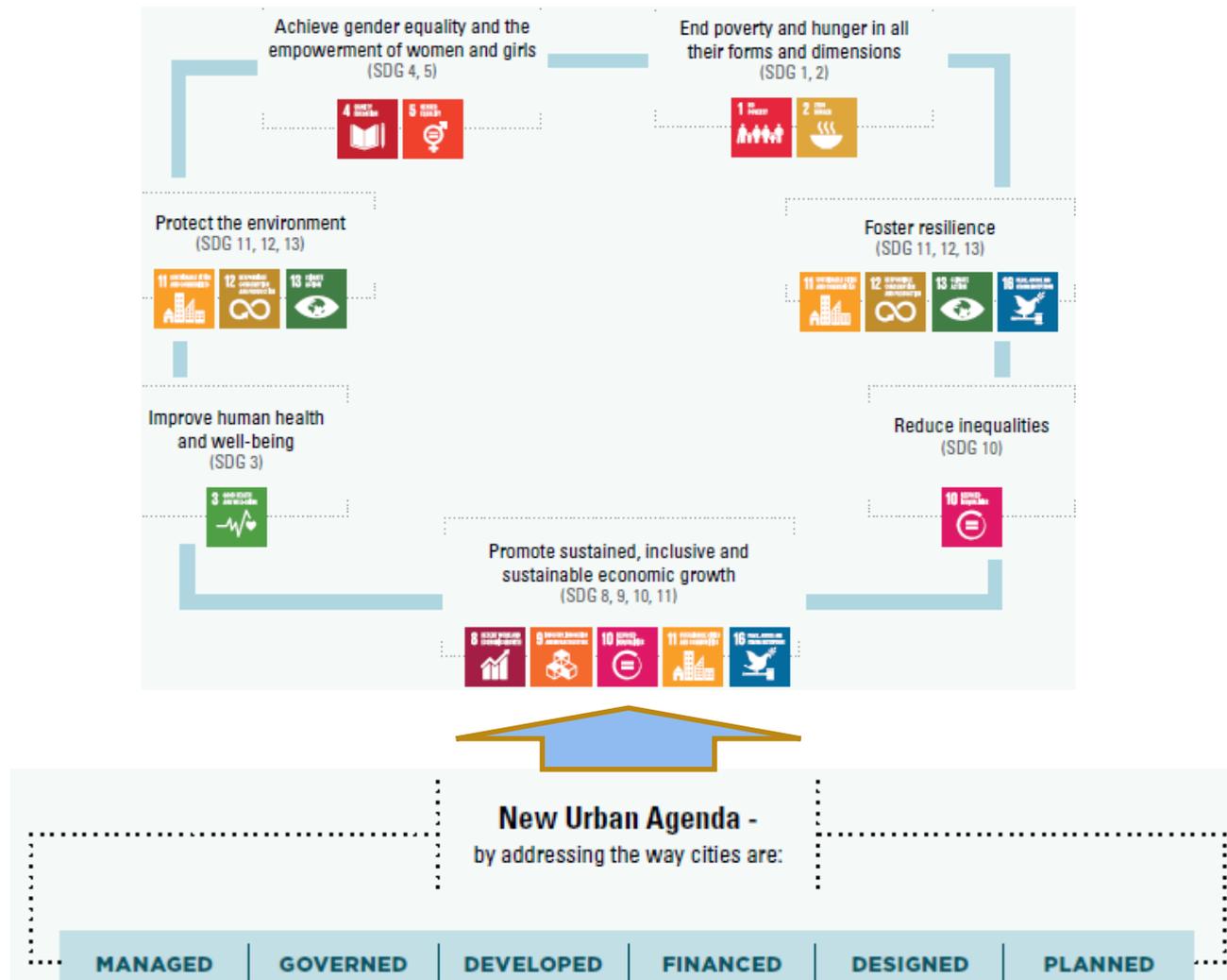


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Sands/Bloubostrand,
Johannesburg

Source: The Guardian,
“Divided cities”, 23rd
June 2016

- ▶ Managing and planning **urbanization is affordable and accessible**
- ▶ **Current model of urbanization generates spatial inequalities and divided cities**
- ▶ **It also causes vulnerabilities to both, natural and man-made disasters, as well elaborated in the Sendai Paris Agreement**

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- To ensure safe, inclusive and resilient cities and human settlements, we need to localize the 2030 Agenda utilizing the New urban Agenda tools
 - Reviewing and strengthening integrated National Urban Policies
 - Empowering local governments on
 - Governance, technically and financially
 - Knowledge based decision making, using disaggregated data

2. Japan in an urbanizing world



Fukuoka has emerged as a well-planned, compact and livable city

Japan has cultivated a spirit of turning challenges into assets:

- ▶ Industrialization in Japan in 1960s and 1970s: Knowledge on rapid urbanization and the delivery of high quality public services
 - ▶ **Synergies with cities rapidly urbanizing in developing countries today!**
- ▶ Experience with challenges of a super-aging population and shrinking
 - ▶ **“FutureCity” Initiative and Eco-Model Cities deal with challenges, that cities in Europe and North America face in future!**

2. Japan's international support to safe and sustainable human settlement

► Partnership with UN-Habitat: 2012-2016

Sub-region	Portfolio (USD million)	Beneficiaries (targeted)
Asia-Pacific	84.04	5,522,915
Arab States	39.7	21,700
Africa	17.7	482,345
Total	141.44	6,026,960

2. Japan in an urbanizing world: Showcases

Myanmar: Programme for Emergency Assistance to Poor and Vulnerable Communities

- ▶ Improved settlements and economic resilience in ethnic community areas
- ▶ **USD 5.3M, Beneficiaries: 62,238**



Afghanistan: Community-Led Urban Infrastructure Programme

- ▶ Securing and stabilizing urban areas across 5 Afghan cities by responding to the urgent needs of recently displaced people
- ▶ **USD 20M, Beneficiaries: 352,000**



2. Japan in an urbanizing world: Showcases

Kiambu waste management project in Kenya

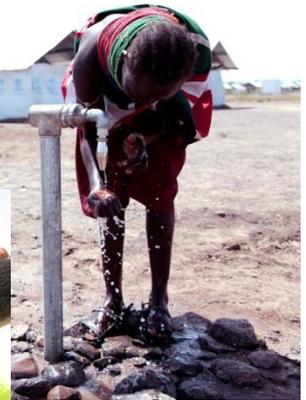
- ▶ Semi-aerobic landfill method from Fukuoka was successfully implemented in Kiambu
- ▶ **USD 0.5M, 1.6M beneficiaries**



Kang'oki landfill before and after implementation

Planning for refugee camps in Kenya and South Sudan

- ▶ Integrating refugee camp planning to improve resilience
- ▶ **USD 2.8M, Beneficiaries: 130,000**



2. Japan in an urbanizing world: Showcases

Iraq: "Humanitarian support to IDPs including the Kurdistan Region of Iraq through provision of durable shelter"

- ▶ Developing infrastructure and public facilities including 1,559 temporary prefabricated shelter units in Baghdad, Dohuk and Karbela.
- ▶ USD 15M, Beneficiaries: 8,954

Iraq: "Gender-sensitive durable shelter support for IDPs"/ "Promoting Urban Recovery and Resilience in Liberated Areas"

- ▶ Rehabilitating damaged houses in areas liberated from the 'Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)'
- ▶ USD 9.7M, Beneficiaries: 6,400



3. Way Forward

- ▶ Building on trust and great impact of work done with Japan the last 20 years, more investment in:
- ▶ Secretary-General's agenda and UN Reform process with a focus on:
 - ▶ Prevention and Peace
 - ▶ The Humanitarian-Development nexus
- ▶ Further empowering localizing 2030 Agenda and implementing New Urban Agenda, especially in fast-urbanizing low-capacity and highly vulnerable regions of the world
- ▶ Strengthen issue-based partnerships, such as Future Cities initiative for cross-learning and networking capacity

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- ▶ Support UN-Habitat as focal point in knowledge and research capacity and coordination
- ▶ Strengthen capacity building and reporting in the region and beyond.
- ▶ Platform for coordination:



9th World Urban Forum and the way forward



- ▶ The **9th World Urban Forum in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, February 2018** as the first global event on the implementation of the NUA
- ▶ **UN-Habitat as a focal point** for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda
- ▶ Continued cooperation through **Regional Office in Fukuoka**

THANK YOU!

